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Excise Officers Arrest Woman on Warrants after Smelling Marijuana

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (Sept. 22) – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested a woman on two outstanding warrants after they smelled marijuana coming from a car that was driving erratically in and out of traffic lanes early Sunday morning.

Around 12:45 a.m., excise officers were driving behind a 2008 Volkswagen near S.R. 23 and N. Twyckenham Drive in South Bend. The vehicle was moving erratically in and out of traffic lanes. The excise officers could also smell burnt marijuana coming from the vehicle. They then stopped the vehicle at South Bend Avenue and N. Twyckenham Drive.

Passenger Ashley B. Turner, 27, of South Bend, who had marijuana in her belongings, attempted to conceal her identity from the officers. Turner was found to have two outstanding arrest warrants in Saint Joseph and Marshall Counties.

Driver Collin A. Rakawski, 31, of South Bend, was issued tickets for driving left of center, throwing burning material from a vehicle and failure to signal lane change.

Turner was booked in at the Saint Joseph County Jail on preliminary charges of false informing, possession of marijuana and on the warrants from Saint Joseph and Marshall Counties.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.